(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to seek protection for the people of Indian origin in the USA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A group of racially motivated white youths calling themselves "Dothbusters" have in recent weeks made attacks on the Indian community in New Jersey through physical assault, damage to movable and immovable property, use of abusive language and slurs and harassment of Indian women.

(c) Our Embassy in washington and our Consulate General in New York have drawn the attention of the US Government to these attacks and requested that urgent steps be taken to prevent such attacks and harassment. The US Department of State has contacted local authorities in New Jersey and the following steps have been taken :

Increased police patrolling; meeting of the Human Rights Commission (New Jersey) to discuss the problem; issue of a statement by the Mayor condemning violence and urging social cohesion. Discussions also continue between the Federal Department of Justice and the local authorities in New Jersey.

Setting up of a Research Centre for super computer in Pune

1322. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has been made in the setting up of a Research Centre in Electronics in Pune for producing super-computers; and

(b) what is the estimated cost and time required for producing super computers of the range and speed of computers like the US Crov XMP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Government has appointed Director of the Research Centre called, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Technology (C-DACT) and setting up of the centre is in a very preliminary stage.

(b) The present plans of the Government are to develop parallel processing based highly powerful computers in the country. This computer will provide computing capabilities equivalent to that of lower range of super computers presently available.

Demonstration by National Federation of Defence Workers

1323. SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Federation of Defence Workers had staged a one-day dharna, demonstration and hunger strike on 30th October, 1987, between 11.00 AM to 5 PM in front of the residence of the Minister of Defence;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the Federation; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet their demands, if no steps have been taken so far, by when their demands are likely to be met ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The National Federation of Defence Workers staged a demonstration outside the residence of Raksha Mantri on 30-10-1987 from 1.00 PM to 2.30 PM.

(b) A list of its demands is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The demands have been forwarded to the concerned Defence Organisations/ Service HQrs for consideration.

Statement

List of Demands Submitted by National Federation of Defence Workers

1. (i) Recognition of National Federation of Defence Workers (NFDW).

(ii) Participation of the representatives of Chheoki Depot Labour Union at COD-Chheoki Allahabad in 4th Level JCM.

2. (i) Implementation of arbitration awards in respect of Draftsman, Packers, Storekeeping Staff, MT Drivers and Implementation of those awards given by the Central Administrative Tribunal of Avadhi and Jabalpur in respect of Interim Relief--ECC expert classification committee report and Draftsman/tracers respectively.

(ii) Extending facilities to 50,000 civilian employees of Border Roads Organisation at par with Defence Personnel working in BRO as per Supreme Court suggestive directions dated 6-5-83 or to grant service Association rights.

3. (i) Fixation of pay of Mazdoors employed in AOC on monthly rates of pay instead of their payment on Daily Rates.

(ii) Time bound promotion to the unskilled mazdoors employed in Defence Establishments.

4. Grant of pay to skilled workers Grade-I of Ordnance Factories equivalent to supervisors—B Grade, B (Tech).

5. Revision of rates of pay of piece workers in Ordnance Factories as per recommendation of 4th Central Pay Commission.

6. Appointment of the anomalies committee for sorting out anomalies in various pay scales of Defence Workers in various categories.

7. Regularisation of Casual Labour in Defence Establishment and MES as per model standing orders of Ministry of Defence and Labour and also about 1 lakh casual employees in Border Roads Organisation.

8. Cadre review in MES in respect of subordinate Engineers, Draftsman, Storekeeping Staff, Upholsters etc.

9. Stoppage of giving work to private agencies/contractors and consequent loss of earnings of workers in Ordnance Factories.

10. Lifting of Ban on employment in Defence Establishment for providing employment avenues to the sons/daughters of Defence Workers.

11. Payment of Bonus to Defence Workers equivalent to the workers of Railway Deptt. and increase in the existing Ceiling limit of Rs. 2500/- to 4,000/-.

12. (i) Stopping victimisation of Trade Union/Association activists/Members in Defence/BRO Establishments.

(ii) Reinstatement of 55 uprooted civilian employees of Border Roads Organisation for Association activities during 1979.

13. Immediate stopping of declaration of the manupulated and false surpluses in the DGI Organisation.

14. Increase in ratio from 35% to 100% in respect of Highly skilled Grade-I. II in respect of Industrial Tradesmen of MES.

Cattle herd improvement through embryo transfer

1324. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has been made in implementation of the technology mission for cattle herd improvement through embryo transfer technique;

(b) what agencies are involved in the functioning of the technology mission and what is their mode of coordination;

(c) whether the mission has been able to keep in step with the targets set up earlier: if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the actual expenditure as against the earmarked amounts, and what is the extent of this effort which has still to rely on foreign collaboration and financial aid ?